



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***FEBRUARY 4, 2002
12:15 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call.** (Council Members Harris, White and Bestpitch were absent.)

A communication from Mayor Ralph K. Smith requesting a Closed Session to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

File #110-132

(Approved 4-0, Council Members Harris, White and Bestpitch were not in the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.)

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS AT 12:20 P.M. TO BE IMMEDIATELY RECONVENED IN THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 159.

Briefing on National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II.
(45 minutes)

Received and filed.

File #468

The meeting was declared in recess at 1:20 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (7-0)

Dr. Dolores Y. Johns was reappointed as a member of the Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare Board of Directors, for a term ending December 31, 2004.

File #15-110-335

Claude N. Smith was reappointed as a member of the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, for a term ending March 9, 2006.

File #9-15-110

Krista Blakeney was appointed as a member of the Youth Services Citizen Board for a term ending May 31, 2004.

File #15-110-305

THE MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS AT 1:35 P.M., TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W.



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1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (All present)

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Catherine A. Houchins, Pastor, Metropolitan Community Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

NOTICE:

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTV Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, February 7, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 9, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK-S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK-S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY-S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK-S OFFICE AT 853-2541 TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

RVTV CHANNEL 3 COVERAGE OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL CONCLUDE FOLLOWING ITEM 11, CITY MANAGER COMMENTS.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

A RESOLUTION paying tribute to Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home on its 50-year anniversary of service to the citizens of Roanoke.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35738-020402. (7-0)
File #80**

3. CONSENT AGENDA

(APPROVED 7-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1 Minutes of the City Council Work Session held on Monday, October 29, 2001, and the regular meeting held on Monday, December 3, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

C-2 Qualification of the following persons:

William H. Carder as a member of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission to fill the unexpired term of Donald S. Caldwell, resigned, ending June 30, 2003;

Jesse A. Hall as Director of Finance for a term beginning at midnight on January 31, 2002, and ending September 30, 2002; and

Charles E. Hunter, III, as a Director of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to fill the unexpired term of Thomas Pettigrew, resigned, ending October 20, 2004.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

File #1-15-110-207-326

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. A request of Dr. E. Wayne Harris, Superintendent, Roanoke City Public Schools, to present a briefing with regard to the English Language Learners Program.

Received and filed.

File #467

- b. A communication from Phillip F. Sparks, Executive Director, Roanoke Valley of Virginia Economic Development Partnership, to present a briefing on activities of the Partnership.

Received and filed.

File #450

- c. A communication from the General Registrar requesting that Council approve an emergency change in the polling place from the National Guard Armory, 33 Reserve Avenue, S. W., to the Roanoke City Schools Maintenance Building, 250 Reserve Avenue, S. W., indefinitely.

Adopted Ordinance No. 35739-020402. (7-0)

File #40-122-189

6. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. A communication with regard to the Water Conservation Plan.

Mr. Chip Davis presented the “Water Tip of the Week”. He suggested that water not be allowed to run continuously while shaving.

**Council concurred in the recommendations of the City Manager, and adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35740-020402 and Ordinance No. 35741-020402. (7-0)
File #60-183-468**

2. A communication with regard to Affirmative Action and diversity initiatives for calendar year 2001.

**Received and filed.
File #411**

3. A communication recommending execution of a contract with Rosser International, Inc., for architectural and engineering services for the Roanoke Civic Center Expansion and Renovation Project B Phase II Improvements, in the amount of \$825,000.00; and appropriation of funds in connection therewith.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35742-020402. (6-1, Mayor Smith voted no.)
File #192**

4. A communication recommending execution of a contract with Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern, Inc., for architectural and engineering services to provide programming and space planning services for the Public Works Service Center, Municipal North, and other City facilities.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35743-020402 and Resolution No. 35744-020402. (7-0)
File #32-60-183-209

5. A communication recommending acceptance of the bid submitted by Kay Uniform Co., Inc., for purchase of uniforms for employees of the Roanoke City Sheriff's Office, for a period of one year, with an option to renew for four additional one-year periods; and reject all other bids received by the City.

Adopted Resolution No. 35745-020402. (7-0)
File #121

6. A communication recommending appropriation of \$44,400.00 for repayment of 111 positions, in connection with an agreement between the City, First Union National Bank and the Fifth District Employment and Training Consortium relating to jobs in Enterprise Zone One.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35746-020402. (7-0)
File #60-246-369

7. A communication recommending appropriation of \$58,982.00, in connection with the Federally Forfeited Property Sharing Program.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35747-020402. (7-0)
File #5-60-166

8. A communication recommending acceptance of a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant, in the amount of \$14,000.00; and appropriation of funds in connection therewith.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35748-020402 and Resolution No. 35749-020402. (7-0)
File #60-70-236-270-354-472

b. CITY CLERK:

1. A report advising of expiration of the three-year terms of office of Charles W. Day and Brian J. Wishneff as Trustees of the Roanoke City School Board on June 30, 2002, and applications for the upcoming vacancies will be received in the City Clerk's Office until 5:00 p.m., on Friday, March 8, 2002.

Received and filed.

File #467

c. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of December 2001.

Received and filed.

File #1-10

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: NONE.

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Wyatt requested that the City Manager explore the ramifications of requesting area hotels and restaurants to voluntarily conserve water; i.e.: laundry practices and serving water with meals upon request only.

File #468

Vice-Mayor Carder and Council Member Bestpitch expressed concern with regard to the failure by the General Assembly to approve the City's proposed Charter amendments and an increase in the admissions tax at the Roanoke Civic Center.

File #50-79-137-192

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: NONE.

RVTV CHANNEL 3 COVERAGE OF THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL CONCLUDE.

12. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. IT IS ALSO A TIME FOR INFORMAL DIALOGUE BETWEEN COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CITIZENS. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Ms. Evelyn D. Bethel, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., requested clarification on a previous agenda item in which four speakers addressed Council and they were required to limit their remarks to three minutes each instead of the five minutes provided by Council's Rules of Procedure. She referred to Item 12, Hearing of Citizens Upon Public Matters, on the printed agenda and noted that the agenda does not state that it is a time for informal dialogue between the Members of City Council and citizens.

File #132